

The Minnesota State Horticultural Society
Potted Plant Show Schedule
Thursday & Friday, August 24 & 25
Entries accepted Wednesday, August 23, 2023

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The Minnesota State Horticultural Society invites everyone (members and non-members) to participate in this longstanding Minnesota State Fair tradition on August 24 and 25, 2023. All gardeners, garden clubs, and specialty plant societies are eligible to compete for ribbons and cash prizes, as described below. In addition, schools and commercial growers are welcome to display an educational exhibit. If you wish to reserve table space for large displays, contact a chairperson.

State Fair Plant Show Rules – Minnesota State Horticultural Society

The Plants

1. Houseplants must have been owned and grown by the exhibitor for six months. Annuals must have been under the horticulture care of the exhibitor by June 1. Combination plantings should be grown together for six weeks or longer.
2. All entered plants must be in pots and growing. No cut material allowed. Covered tables and counters will be provided. Pots should have a maximum diameter of no more than 14 inches, except where noted.
3. Plants must be labeled with the correct Division, Class, and Variety on the plant tag.
For example: **Division = A. Indoor Flowering Class = A1. Orchids,**
Variety = provide this information if you know it.
4. A pot or container may contain more than one plant of the same variety but cannot have multiple varieties, except where noted. Please ask for help at check-in if uncertain.
5. All plants grown in climate-controlled structures must be identified at check-in with a special mark by the chairperson.
6. No artificial plant material is allowed anywhere in the show (ribbon roses, paper flowers, plastic garlands, and the like). This means anything that is intended to look like a plant must be real plant material.
7. If you are bringing a large collection of plants, please let us know in advance.
8. We encourage you to groom your plants before you leave home. Plants with pests and /or diseases will be disqualified.

Plant Drop Off & Pick Up

9. Wednesday, August 23, 2023, at the Agriculture/Horticulture Building. Registration and set-up hours: Group Exhibitors, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Individual competition plants, 12 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. **You may pre-print your tag online (<https://northerngardener.org/what-we-do/potted-plant-show/>) or pick up your tags when you drop off your plant(s).** Enter the State Fairgrounds at Underwood Street off of Como Avenue, Gate 7. <https://www.mnstatefair.org/general-info/maps/> the entrance is on the south side of the building on Judson Avenue. **Be sure to pick up a parking pass for Friday pickup when you drop off your plant.**
10. All exhibits must remain in place until 9 p.m., Friday, August 25, 2023. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to pick up their plant material at that time. You must have the parking pass you picked up on Wednesday. Enter from Underwood Street off of Como Avenue, Gate 7.
<https://www.mnstatefair.org/general-info/maps/>

The Judging

11. Categories may be subdivided at the discretion of the judges and show chairperson(s).
12. Judges will not award ribbons if, in their opinion, no entries merit award.
13. Judging will take place on Wednesday, August 23 at 6 p.m. All plants must be on the table and ready for judging at 5:30 p.m.
14. Grand Champion, Reserve Champion, and Special Awards will be given at the discretion of the judges for entries that merit recognition for cultural perfection.
15. A group's sign identifying the club or organization should not exceed 9 inches by 24 inches.
16. The Minnesota State Horticultural Society will take all possible precautions to prevent damage or theft but cannot be held responsible for losses of any kind or nature.

Summary of Divisions:

- A. Indoor Flowering Plant(s) (must be in bloom, same variety).**
- B. Patio Tropicals & Annual Summer Favorites (same variety).**
- C. Succulents (same variety).**
- D. Cactus Family (same variety).**
- E. House Plant Favorites (same variety).**
- F. Vines, Hanging Plants (can be mixed container).**
- G. Planter, Dish Gardens & Fairy Gardens (must contain 3 or more varieties).**
- H. Terrariums (mixed, same growth requirements).**
- I. Bonsai**
- J. Topiary/Kokedama**
- K. Novice or Children: First time exhibitor? Create your own Class!**
- L. Vegetables & Herbs (edible or decorative).**
- M. Plant Collections attractively displayed as a grouping.**

PLANT DIVISIONS AND CLASSES

SECTION 1. INDIVIDUAL EXHIBITORS

An individual may have more than one entry in any or all of the following categories; however, multiple entries must have different plant varieties.

Awards for A-L: Ribbons will be awarded for First, Second and Third place. Cash prizes of \$10, \$8 and \$5 will be awarded for the individual plants entered. For Displayed Collections, Classes N1 and N2, cash prizes are listed per display group. You may choose to donate some of your prize money to the Minnesota State Horticultural Society.

A. Indoor Flowering Plant(s) (must be in bloom, same variety)

- A1 Orchids
- A2 Gesneriad Family (African Violets, Gloxinias)
- A3 Abutilons (Flowering Maples)
- A4 Miniature Roses
- A5 Other Flowering Plants

B. Patio Tropicals & Annual Summer Favorites (same variety)

- B1 Coleus (blooms pinched)
- B2 Geraniums
- B3 Roses
- B4 Begonias
- B5 Hibiscus
- B6 Impatiens
- B7 Petunias
- B8 All Blooming Climbers: jasmine, bougainvillea, thunbergia, morning glory
- B9 Other Patio Favorites
- B10 Water Plants for the Patio

C. Succulents (same variety)

- C1 Aloes
- C2 Agave-like Plants: Agave, Yucca, Sansevieria, Dasyilirion, Furcraea, Hesperaloe, Beaucarnea, Calibanus
- C3 Portulacaceae, Anacampseros, Portulacaria, Lewisia, Talinum, Cerraria
- C4 Old World Crassulaceae: (Jade Plants) Aeonium, Sempervivum, Tylecodon, Cotyledon, Adromischus, onathes, Kalanchoe, Crassula
- C5 New World Crassulaceae: Echeveria, Dudleya, Tacitus, Pachyphytum, Graptopetalum, Sedum
- C6 Apocynaceae: Adenium, Pachypodium, Plumeria
- C7 Euphorbia: Euphorbias
- C8 Gasteria & relatives: Haworthia, Gasteria, Astroloba
- C9 Jatropha & relatives (leafy forms): Jatropha, Monadenium, Pedilanthus, Synadenium
- C10 Caudex form Pelargoniums & Sarcaulons
- C11 Grape Caudex forms: Cissus, Cyphostemma
- C12 Daisy flowered: Othonna, Senecio, Coreopsis
- C13 Asclepiads: Stapelia, Caralluma, Huernia, Corepegia, Hoya, Fockea, Brachystelma, Hoodia, Trichocaulon
- C14 Mesembs (living stones): Mesembsryanthemums, Lithops, Conophytums, Faucaria, Dinteranthus, Lapidaria, Pleiospilos
- C15 Other Caudex (trunk forms)
- C16 Other Succulents (PLEASE VERIFY CLASSIFICATION AT CHECK-IN.)

D. Cactus Family (same variety)

- D1 Opuntia-like (prickly pears & chollas): Opuntia, Tephrocactus, Pereskia, Maihueniopsis, Pterocactus
- D2 Epiphytes (hanging chains, Christmas cacti): Epiphyllum, Rhipsalis, Hatiora, Aporocactus
- D3 Melocacti w/cephalium (capped cactus): Melocactus, Discocactus, Uebelmannia, Buiningia
- D4 Columnar Cacti (column shaped): All Cereus
- D5 North American Barrels (ribbed/spiny): Echinocactus, Echinofossulocactus, Echinomastus, Ancistrocactus, Homalocephala, Ferocactus, Hamatocactus, Leuchtenbergia, Thelocactus
- D6 South American Barrels (typical flower): Parodia, Wigginsia, Notocactus Faeilea, Blossfeldia, Eriosyce, Gymnocalycium, Neochilenia, Horridocactus, Neoportenia, Pyrrhocactus, Oroya, Copiapoa, Matucana, Denmoza

- D7 South American Barrels (large flower): Echinopsis, Chameocereus, Lobivia, Rebutia, Soehrensia, Weingartia, Acanthocalycium, Pygmaeocerus, Sulcorebutia, Aylosteria
- D8 Hedgehogs (cluster form, low-growing): Echinocereus, Peniocereus, Wilcoxia
- D9 Mammillaria-like plants (globes, pin cushion): Mammillaria, Mammillopsis, Cochemia, Escobaria, Coryphantha, Ortegocactus
- D10 Rare North American Genera: Strombocactus, Pediocactus, Sclerocactus, Ariocarpus, Astrophytum, Aziokium, Obregonia, Encephalocarpus, Neolloydia, Turbinicarpus, Gymnocactus, Epithelantha, Pelecyphora, Geohintonia
- D11 Oddity Cacti: Monstroses, all variegated cacti, all grafted cacti

E. House Plant Favorites (same variety)

- E1 Aroids: Aglaoneuma (Chinese evergreen), Alocasia, Amorphophallus, Arums, Anthurium, Caladium, Colocasia, Dieffenbachia, Epipremnus, (pothos), Philodendron, Spathiphyllum (peace lily), Syngonium (arrow-head)
- E2 Asparagus Plants: A.plumosus (asparagus fern), A.meyeri (foxtail fern), A.densiflorus & others
- E3 Begonias: a) Rex b) Rhizomatous
- E4 Bromeliads: Aechmea, Billbergia, Cryptanthus, Guzmania, Neoregelia, Tillandsia, Vriesea
- E5 Dracaenas: D.deremensis (Jane Craig, warneckii types), D.marginata, D.sanderiana (ribbon plant), D.reflexa variegata, D.godseffiana (gold dust dracaena), D.fragrans (corn plant)
- E6 Ferns: Adiantum (maidenhair), Aglaomorpha (Bear's Paw), Blechnum, Cyrtomium (Holly), Asplenium (bird's nest), Davallia (Rabbit's foot), Nephrolepis (Boston type), Pellaea (button), Platycerium (staghorn fern), Pteris (table fern), any other
- E7 Figs: Ficus pumila (creeping), Ficus radicans (trailing), Ficus diversifolia (mistletoe), Ficus variegata, Ficus elastica, Decora (Rubber Plant), Ficus benjamina (weeping), Ficus lyrata (fiddle leaf)
- E8 Insectivores: Dionaea muscipula (Venus Fly Trap), Nepenthes coccinea (Pitcher Plant), Darlingtonia californica, Drosers (Sundew) and others
- E9 Marantas: Calatheas, Ctenanthes, Stromanthes, Prayer plant
- E10 Oxalis: o.regnelli, o.atropurpurearubra, o.rubra, o.oregana
- E11 Other house plant favorites (no mixed plantings)

F. Vines, Hanging Plants (can be mixed container)

- F1 Trailing or Vines in hanging container: a) bloomer b) non-bloomer
- F2 Trailing or Vines in non-hanging container: a) bloomer b) non-bloomer
- F3 Hanging container – one plant type must be blooming
- F4 Hanging container – one type of foliage
- F5 Hanging container – cactus/succulent: a) solo b) mixed
- F6 Mixed Hanging container: Other (more than one variety)
- F7 Mixed Garden Containers: Others (mixed species & varieties)

G. Planter, Dish Gardens & Fairy Gardens (must contain 3 or more varieties)

- G1 4" and under – measured at widest part
- G2 Over 4" to under 12" – measured at widest part
- G3 12" and over and less than 14" – measured at widest part
- G4 Trough Garden – traditional box
- G5 Decorative fresh or living wreath

H. Terrariums (mixed, same growth requirements)

- H1 Bottle
- H2 Fish Tank
- H3 Other

I. Bonsai

J. Topiary/Kokedama

K. Novice or Children: First time exhibitor? Create your own Class!

- K1 Children's Fairy Gardens
- K2 Children's Create-Your-Own Class: Hairy, Prickly, Tall, Curly, Polka Dot, Splotched, Striped... Bring your own 3x5 note card with your plant to enter.

L. Vegetables & Herbs (edible or decorative)

- L1 Pepper Plants
- L2 Tomato Plants
- L3 Herb Plants: a) solo b) mixed herb gardens
- L4 Other Edible or Ornamental Vegetables
- L5 Other Edible Fruit

M. Plant Collections attractively displayed as a grouping

- M1 Small displays of not less than five plants or more than eight plants.
 - i. Cactus
 - ii. Succulents
 - iii. Foliage plants
 - iv. Blooming plants
 - v. Fruit, Seed pod, or Vegetable-bearing plants
 - vi. Water plants (more than three varieties)

Awards for M1: Ribbons will be awarded for First, Second and Third Places. Prizes of \$20, \$15 and \$10 per displayed group. You may choose to donate your prizes to the Minnesota State Horticultural Society.

- M2 Large displays of nine or more plants.
 - a) Cactus
 - b) Succulents
 - c) Foliage plants
 - d) Blooming plants
 - e) Fruit, Seed, or Vegetable-bearing plants
 - f) Water plants (more than five varieties)

Awards for M2: Ribbons will be awarded for First, Second and Third Places. Cash prizes of \$30, \$25 and \$15 per displayed group. You may choose to donate your prizes to the Minnesota State Horticultural Society.

SECTION 2. GROUP EXHIBITORS

Clubs, Societies, and other horticulture or floriculture groups may enter a display of plants unified by theme. The judging of these displays will be based upon the perfection and suitability of plant and display matter, and on how well the artistic, educational and overall exhibit is executed.

- A. Specialty Societies
- B. Garden Clubs
- C. Youth Groups

Awards: Ribbons and prize of \$30 will be awarded to A, B and C. You may choose to donate some or all of your prize money to the Minnesota State Horticultural Society.

SECTION 3. COMMERCIAL OR EDUCATIONAL EXHIBITORS

Educational institutions and commercial growers are also welcome to enter a display as a group exhibitor. No prize money is awarded to commercial, governmental or educational institutions exhibiting.